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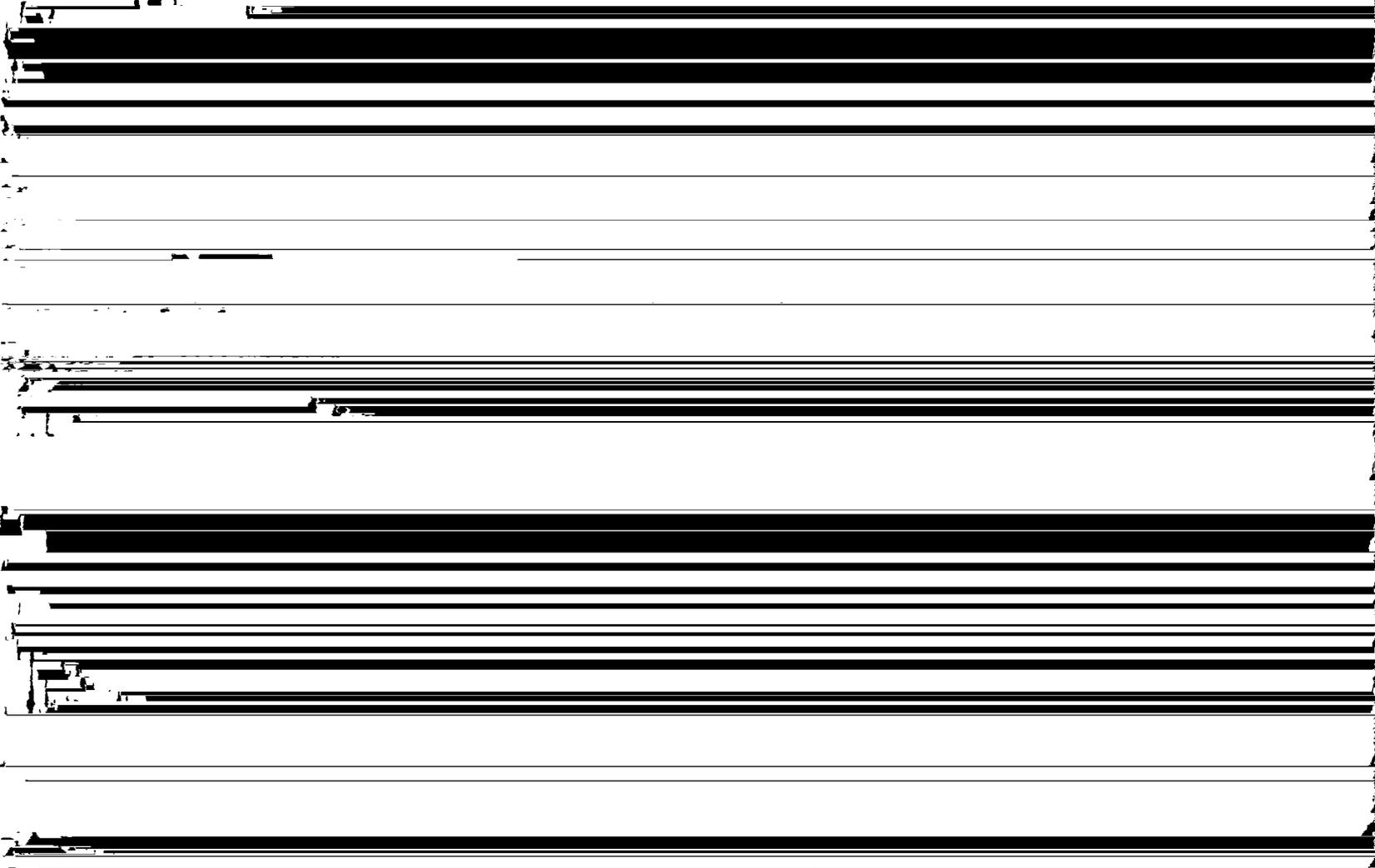
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Dear Senator Harkin:

This is in reply to your letter of April 1, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Roger D. Hatcher, the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will therefore take your constituent's



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Dear Ms. Solheim:

I have been contacted by Roger Hatcher regarding a proposed rule change by the FCC. For your reference, I have enclosed a copy of the correspondence sent to me regarding this matter.

I would appreciate your timely review of the issues raised by this constituent and ask that you forward your response to me through my Cedar Rapids office listed below.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Tom Harkin  
United States Senator

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The Honorable Tom Harkin  
4444 1st Avenue NE  
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Dear Senator Harkin:

I derive many hours of pleasure from constructing and operating radio-controlled models. I am involved in local clubs consisting of people with similar interests. I personally own several radios, five radio-controlled models, and have a workshop of other products necessary to operating my models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents, injuries, and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for the safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by maintaining 10 KHz spacing between commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 KHz of frequencies available to use, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact more

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio-control modelers and the public safety. The FCC may not think that we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry and provides jobs to R/C manufacturers like S & K Products, Sig Manufacturing, Byron's Originals and all the local hobby shops here in Iowa.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-75 MHz band. We all need your help urgently to halt these ill-advised proposals from going into effect.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Roger D. Hatcher